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Applicant: ARMBRUSTER, Franz P et al.
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For: FUNCTIONAL VITAMIN D DERIVATIVES
AND A METHOD FOR DETERMINING 25-
HYDROXY-VITAMIN D AND 1 α ,25-
DIHYDROXY-VITAMIN D

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert -This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/04418 which has an International filing date of June 25, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 and substitute therefore the following new claims.

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